

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1843

Introduced by Assembly Member Gilmore

February 12, 2010

An act relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1843, as introduced, Gilmore. Water supply security: reports.

Existing law, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, an initiative approved by the voters, among other things, provides for funding to protect state, local, and regional drinking water systems from terrorist attacks or deliberate acts of destruction or degradation, and authorizes the Legislature to enact legislation as necessary to implement its provisions.

This bill would require the California Office of Homeland Security to submit confidential reports to the Legislature regarding the current security status of the state's existing drinking water systems and facilities, with a special focus on any vulnerability to terrorist attacks and recommended actions necessary to bring the security status to acceptable levels.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The California Office of Homeland Security,
- 2 in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services, the
- 3 California National Guard, the Department of Public Health, and
- 4 the State Department of Water Resources, shall submit confidential

- 1 preliminary and final reports to the Legislature and the Governor
2 regarding the current security status of the state's existing drinking
3 water systems and facilities, with a special focus on any
4 vulnerability to terrorist attacks and recommended actions
5 necessary to bring the security status to acceptable levels.
- 6 (b) The preliminary report, regarding any immediate actions
7 needed, shall be delivered to the Legislature and the Governor by
8 January 31, 2011, and a final report, regarding other immediate
9 and long-term recommendations, shall be delivered by July 1,
10 2012.
- 11 (c) Any report submitted pursuant to this section shall be
12 confidential and shall not be disclosed to the general public.